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Applicant : BUCHHOLT, et al.
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STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants would appreciate an indication of the status of the above-identified patent application and an indication of when a patent will issue from it. Applicants paid the Issue Fee in the application on July 24, 2003. Since the application has been allowed, and Applicants timely satisfied all the requirements set forth in the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, almost ten (10) months ago, Applicants would appreciate an indication of the date of issuance of the patent.

If there are any issues outstanding, or the Examiner has any questions that Applicants may answer, Applicants would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, in the event that any fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0206.


Respectfully submitted,

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